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Five New Members Elected

The Montana Committee for the Humanities has just elected five new members, each to serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 1983. They replace Gerald Fetz, Mary Blew, and Janice VanRiper, whose terms have expired, and Roberta Ferron, Darryl Gray and Gary Thogersen, who have resigned. The Committee wishes to thank and commend for their fine service these six retiring members. Their able participation will be missed. However, the Committee is fortunate to have the following well-qualified replacements.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" FURDELL, Ph.D., and Associate Professor of History and Political Science at the College of Great Falls, received her B.A. from the University of Washington, her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Kent State. A specialist on the history of women, she has published articles on women's rights and women's history in Montana and chaired panel discussions on aspects of that subject at both the 1980 and the 1981 Montana History Conference. She is listed in the 1976 and 1977 publications of *Outstanding Young Women of America*. Currently she is president of the Great Falls branch of the American Association of University Women and sits on the national AAUW American Fellowships Committee. At the MCH-funded, AAUW-sponsored Families and Work Conference held last fall in Great Falls, she chaired a session on sex roles and work, and she was a key liaison for the 1982 Montana History Conference, which took place in Great Falls last October.

STANLEY JUNEAU, an educator and activist in Indian affairs, has B.S. degrees in business education and in vocational rehabilitation from Eastern Montana College and an M.Ed. in administration from the University of Montana. As a college student he received many scholarships and awards, among them a listing in *Who's Who Among Students in America's Colleges and Universities*. Juneau has been an accountant for the BIA, a guidance counselor at Browning High School, vice chairperson for the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, team leader for the Browning Teacher Corps and project director for the Blackfeet Educational Training Complex Project. For his service to numerous committees and organizations, including the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, the National Congress of American

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MCH TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET — MAY 14, HELENA

A gala banquet celebrating the ten years of public humanities in Montana will be held at the Colonial Inn, Helena, on the evening of Saturday, May 14. Set aside this date and watch for further details!

The MCH will consider video applications at any time during the year, but applications for funds for the production of films will be considered only once a year.

The deadline for film applications is May 1, 1983.

1983 members of the Montana Committee for the Humanities: left to right, front row: William T. Tietz, Jr., President, MSU; Jim Beery, Beery Farms, Inc., Wolf Point; Walt Gulick, Philosophy Department, EMC; Carolyn Ennis, Project Coordinator, Billings; Gerald A. Fetz, Foreign Languages and Literatures, UM; Dean Hellinger, Hellinger Bros. Farms, Shelby; Candy Fleming, Psychologist, St. Ignatius; Ron Perrin, Political Science Department, UM; Pat McKittrick, Attorney, Great Falls; Julie Kuchenbrod, Helena High School, Helena; Betty Furdell, Social Studies, College of Great Falls; "Bert" Holmes, Consultant, Helena; Mary Moore, Librarian, Glasgow. Rear, left to right: Glen Cameron, Humanities Department, Miles Community College, Miles City; Stan Juneau, Educator, Browning; Dennis McCormick, Foreign Languages and Literatures, UM; Burke Townsend, Philosophy Department, UM; Wayne Larson, Sociology Department, MSU; and Marvin Shaw, History and Philosophy Department, MSU.

—All photos courtesy of Dean Hellinger, Shelby, Montana

MCH Chooses New Officers

Carolyn Ennis and Ron Perrin have accepted MCH offices as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, for 1983. Ms. Ennis, a Billings project coordinator, served as vice chairman in 1982, and replaces Mary Blew, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Northern Montana College, whose term expired at the end of 1982. Dr. Perrin is a Professor in the University of Montana Political Science Department. The Committee thanks Mary Blew and Carolyn Ennis for their energetic leadership and teamwork on its behalf during the past year, and looks forward to another productive year under the leadership of Ennis and Perrin.

Carolyn K. Ennis, Project Coordinator, Billings, MCH Chair, 1983.

Ron Perrin, Political Science Department, University of Montana, Missoula, MCH Vice-Chair, 1983.

Chairman Bennett Urges State Councils to Retain Focus on Basic Program Goals

Chairman William Bennett advised participants at the annual meeting of the National Federation of State Humanities Programs in St. Paul, Minnesota, last November to maintain a focus on the Endowment's commitment to the primary goal of state programs, namely, promoting and fostering increased public understanding and appreciation of the humanities.

In a speech to an audience of some 250 state council members and staff, Endowment representatives and National Council members, the Chairman said that this goal, while easy to state, is difficult to realize.

He cautioned the councils to keep the program's purpose clearly in sight. "Do not ignore the humanities; do not trivialize the humanities; do not bring the humanities kicking and screaming into projects that have only a tangential or fragile or faint relation to the humanities. This still leaves open a wide world," the Chairman said.

He encouraged the councils to use a variety of means to involve the public, urging them to "take chances, be imaginative, be experimental," but keep the fundamental goal clearly in mind.

The four-day meeting, held at St. Paul's Radisson Hotel November 10-13, included a program of speeches and workshops on ethics in grant-making; professional development, both managerial and scholarly; and fund-raising.

The above article is courtesy of the December 6, 1982, NEH publication, *Insight*.

Heartland
Discussion Leaders Wanted

The Montana Committee for the Humanities is pleased to offer rent-free a print of the award-winning film **Heartland**, produced by Montanans Beth Ferris and Annick Smith, and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. However, **Heartland**, a 90-minute film, is only available through this office for public discussion programs. It cannot be loaned by the MCH except in conjunction with a humanist discussion leader and a planned public humanities program. Accordingly, *the MCH is seeking the names of interested scholars in the humanities who would be willing to serve as discussion leaders for groups wishing to organize such a program.* Please let us know by April 15, 1983, if you wish to have your name included in a list of discussion leaders which will be sent to applicants wishing to arrange a program using **Heartland.** Write or call the MCH, P.O. Box 8036, Missoula, MT 59807, or 243-6022.

Others wishing to use **Heartland** alone should contact the distributor, Wilderness Women Productions, c/o Annick Smith, Star Route, Bonner, MT 59823.

Availability of Research Grants for Individuals and Organizations working in State and Local History

The American Association for State and Local History announces the availability of research grants for individuals and organizations working in state and local history. A new grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities enables the Association to administer a competitive program of small grants-in-aid for research focusing on or making use of materials about a locality, community, state, or region. Fifty such grants of up to $3,000 each will be available in 1983, and again in 1984.

Dr. James B. Gardner, staff historian at AASLH, will administer the program and chair a five-member selection committee for research grants, to be appointed shortly by the Association. This committee will have responsibility for judging applications and awarding grants. Criteria for selection will include the need for the project, the capacities of the applicant, and the potential value of the research results.

The first application deadline is July 15, 1983. Awards will be announced following the AASLH Annual Meeting, October 3-7, 1983.

For information abut the research grant program or about membership in the Association, write or call James B. Gardner, Staff Historian, AASLH, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204, (615) 383-5991.

Farewell to Outgoing Members

The Montana Committee for the Humanities wishes to express its deep gratitude and appreciation to outgoing Committee members Dean Mary C. Blew, Northern Montana College, Havre; Professor Roberta Ferron, Director of Native American Studies, Eastern Montana College, Billings; Mr. Darryl Gray, educator, Great Falls; Ms. Jan VanRiper, Helena attorney; and Mr. Gary Thogersen, Sidney attorney. These Committee members served in a time which was particularly difficult and challenging for the Committee, and spent long hours of volunteer time in evaluating the MCH program and designing new directions. They will be sorely missed.

Professor Gerald A. Fetz, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Montana, Missoula, will continue as an affiliate of the Committee, having been elected to the Board of the National Federation of Stae Humanities Councils.

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Indians and the Education Commission of the States National Indian Education Task Force, he was named one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

DENNIS McCORMICK, Ph.D. in Germanic languages, is an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Montana, where he has taught since 1972. He teaches in all areas of the German curriculum, and also regularly teaches the introductory humanities courses in UM's general humanities program. He has served as both vice chairman and chairman of the Faculty Senate and has held several offices in the University Teachers' Union. A vigorous advocate of the humanities, McCormick has involved himself in MCH activities, having participated in MCH conferences in 1978 and 1980 and served as an evaluator for MCH-funded projects. In 1978 he received an NEH Summer Seminar Fellowship.

PATRICK McKITTRICK, a Great Falls attorney for the past 12 years, was a state legislator from 1971-77, and from 1975-77 he served as Speaker of the House. In 1976 he ran for Congress from Montana's Second District. Active in academic as well as political affairs, he now serves on the President's Advisory Committee at Montana State University and on the President's Council at the College of Great Falls. He has a B.A. in political science from Carroll College and a J.D. from UM's law school.

MARY MOORE has been since 1976 the director of the Glasgow Public Library, which, under her direction, has sponsored many public humanities programs, has encouraged and acquired resources for historical research, and has led the effort to collect oral history and sponsor workshops in that subject for Northeastern Montana. Before 1976 she worked as librarian in Helena's Lewis and Clark Library and UM's Mansfield Library. Mary Moore has served as president of the Glasgow AAUW and of the Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, and on the steering committee for both the Cultural Alliance for Eastern Montana and the Montana Performing Arts Consortium. She has a B.A. in political science from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, and an M.L.S. from Drexel University.

—GRANT SUMMARY—

In the past several months the following grants have been awarded:

Incest: No Longer a Secret . . . But a Community Problem, sponsored by Montana Incest Prevention Coalition, Women's Resource Center, Women's Place, Women's Law Caucus, U of M Department of Sociology. $5,950.

Agriculture in the West, sponsored by the Western Governors' Conference. $2,000.

The Drum is the Heart, sponsored by the Blackfeet Media Department. $7,555.

Small Towns and Villages, Europe and America, sponsored by the Bozeman Committee on Village Life. $750.

Nursing Fair, sponsored by the Montana Nurses' Association. $1,500.

Inspirada Americana, sponsored by Ennis School. $350.

In the Story is the Dream: Storytelling and Montana's Continued Heritage, sponsored by the Anthropology and Native American Studies Programs, Carroll College. $1,833.

The Photographer's Craft, sponsored by the Museum of the Rockies. $5,553.

Logon '83, planning grant sponsored by the Department of English, Montana State University. $489.

Children's Literature Conference and Festival, sponsored by Northern Montana College. $2,288.

Social and Administrative Consequences of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action: A Cross-National Experience, sponsored by Montana State University. $810.

Senior Citizens Center—Lodge Grass and Hardin, sponsored by the Big Horn County Council on Aging and the Big Horn County Historical Museum. $252.

Going Out West to See the Elephant, sponsored by the Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce. $174.

Calendar of Forthcoming MCH Events

DATE	LOCATION	GRANT TITLE
April 10, 1983	Bozeman Willson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Peter Matthiesen, speaker "The Indian Way and the Environment"	"Perspectives on the Environment"
April 11, 1983	Butte Zee Giraldo, speaker Montana State University	"Incest: No Longer a Secret . . . But a Community Problem"
April 13, 1983	Bozeman	"Social and Administrative Consequences of EEO and Affirmative Action: A Cross-National Experience"
April 15-16, 1983	Havre Northern Montana College	"Children's Literature Conference and Festival"
April 26, 1983	Billings Charles Ess, speaker Rocky Mountain College	"Incest: No Longer a Secret . . . But a Community Problem"
April 29, 1983	Bozeman A. B. Guthrie, speaker	"Perspectives on the Environment"
May 6, 1983	Glendive Jennifer Scholes, speaker Dawson Community College	"Incest: No Longer a Secret . . . But a Community Problem"
May 22, 1983	Bozeman Museum of the Rockies	"The Photographer's Craft"
To be announced:		"The Drum is the Heart"
To be announced:		"Jeanette Rankin: The Woman Who Voted No"
To be announced:		"Montana Week in Review"

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